



Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Religious Services
770 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43222

Ted Strickland, Governor

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Ernie L. Moore, Director

Decision of the Religious Services Administrator

Request for Accommodation Of Religious Practice

Koger, Cecil #384-698
Toledo Correctional Institution
2001 East Central Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43608

RELIGIOUS Rastafarian

You have requested accommodation of the following practice based upon the reason indicated


Request to have kosher meals for religious reasons

Your request states a

- ☒ Religious Issue
☐ Non-Religious Issue

It is the decision of the Religious Services Administrator that the request for Accommodation of Religious Practice should be

- ☐ Approved
☒ Not Approved

Signature:  Date March 4, 2010
Gary Sims, Sr.
Religious Services Administrator

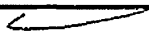
Tracking Process

- ☐ Chaplains reviews request and makes recommendation
- ☐ Request is reviewed by Chaplain, DWSS, and DWO/Designee
- ☐ Accommodation is forwarded to Warden for Warden's response
- ☐ Warden's decision is forwarded back to inmate and Chaplain's office is copied
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C Warden Chaplain Inmate's On Base File and Inmate

OP - Religious Services - 5/4/2010

DRC000217

RSA Date Received: <u>3</u> / <u>3</u> / 2010		I/M #. <u>384-698</u>
Institution: ACI / BECI / CCI / CMC / CRC / DCI / MEPRC / FPRC / GCI / HCF / LAECI / LECI / LOCI / LORCI / MACI / MANCI / MCI / NCCI / NCCTF / NCI / NEPRC / OCF / ORW / OSP - CAMP / PCI / RCI / RICI / SCI / SOCF / TCI - CAMP / TOCI / WCI		
Religion: Apostolic Pentecostal / Asatru / Arakhtian / Ausarian / Neterian / Black Hebrew / Israelite / Baptist / Buddhist / Catholic / Christian / Christian Identity / Christian Nazarite / Christian Separatist / Church of God / NGE / Hebrew Israelite / Hebrew Nazarite / Jewish / Islamic / Messianic Jew / Muslim / Nation of Islam / Native American / Orthodox Judaism / Orthodox-Islam / Philadelphia Church of God / Protestant / Rastafarian / Sabbatarian / Satanism / Salvation Army / Santeria / Shi'a Muslim / Wiccan / OTHER:		
Request: Hair / Beard / Kosher Meal / Access to religious material / Alter Cloth / Baptism / Blended teas / Cell separation / Congregate services / Diet Card / Dreadlocks / Halal meals / Head Covering / Holy Days / Incense / Medicine bag / Meditation cushion / Oils / Outside Vender / Pendant / Prayer / Prayer Beads / Prayer Rug / Prayer Shawl / Services in Chapel / Vegan Diet / Vegetarian Diet / Tam / Work proscription / Change of Religion Request / NEEDS FORM 4326, 4327, 4442 OTHER:		
Action:	Approved	Disapproved 
Comments:		
NEEDS FORM 4326, 4327, 4442		Decision Date: ____ / ____ / 2010

OP - Religious Services - 5/4/2010

DRC000218

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Mr. G. Simms

I would like to know why
 my dietary needs were denied as
 my religious accommodation. I am aware
 of several ^{institutes} ~~institutes~~ O.D.R.C. who accommodate
 Rastafari Ital Food why is T.O.C.I.
 different from any other close instat.? ^{institutes}
 I have verification for my request
 why was I denied? I would also
 like a copied or original appeal
 I filed to your office. Can you explain
 as precisely as you are able, about the reasons
 to my dietary needs as Rastafari not being
 accommodated please.

Thank you for your
 time

Cecil Koger #384698

Cecil Koger
 R/S Koger



Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

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Terry Collins, Director

Decision of the Warden

Request for Accommodation
Of Religious Practice

NAME: Cecil Koger
NUMBER: A384-698
INSTITUTION: ToCI
RELIGION: Rastafarian

You have requested accommodation of the following practice based upon the reason indicated:

Request to receive Kosher Meals.
Your request states a:

Religious Issue
☒ Non-Religious Issue

It is the decision of the Warden that the request for Accommodation of Religious Practice should be:

Approved
☒ Not Approved

Reason: Mr. Koger (A384-698) your request to receive Kosher meals has not been approved. Keeping Kosher is not a vegetarian diet and is provided to those keeping an orthodox Jewish tradition. A vegetarian alternative is provided at each meal upon the request of any individual.

Signature: Robert Welch
Robert Welch, Warden

Date: 1/11/10

cc. Warden, Deputy Wardens, Chaplain, Major, Unit File, etc.

RSA

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Institution Religious Accommodation Review Committee

Response To Request For Religious Accommodation

Offender Name Cecil Koger	Number A-384698
Current Religious Affiliation RASTAFARIAN	RE- DRC4326 Dated: 12/16/2009

Chaplain Recommendation:

NOT RECOMMENDED

THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION HAS NOT SET UP ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE OF THE RASTAFARIAN RELIGIOUS GROUP

Chaplain's Signature <i>Chaplain Frank Vlach</i>	Date 12/20/09
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Accommodation Review Committee Response:

Committee Chairperson's Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 12/31/09
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Warden's Decision: ☐ Approved ☒ Disapproved ☐ Refer to Reg. Religious Services Admin.

Comment

SEE Above comments

Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 1/4/10
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DRC4327 E (Rev 03/09) Distribution Warden, Chaplain, Offender, Religious Services Administrator, On Base File

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Request For Religious Accommodation

To: Chaplain's Office

From:

Offender Name	RAS. CECIL KOSER	Number	# 384-6A8
Institution	T.O. C.I.	Date	12-16-89

1 What is the religion to which you belong?

Rastafari the Nyabingi order!

2 What is the specific accommodation that you are requesting? "Kosher meats"

non beef non pork non soy it contains MSG.
monosodium Glutamate as well as other ~~drugs~~ food served
in the kitchen containing season enhancer not natural G21,
G22

3 What is the basis for your requested religious accommodation (How is your request supported by the writings or traditions of your religion)?

THE PRACTICING RASTAFARI
LIVES EVERY day on the basis of his ~~Hamant~~-beliefs
There is ten and two of these ~~rules~~ around what Rastafari
puts into his body. This is called Ital. It is found in the
Kebra Negest, Fetha Negest, the Livity, the bible and
Nyabingi teachings.

4 Who are the religious leaders who can verify this request (Please give address and phone numbers, if available)?

Rastafarian Universal Order
P.O. Box 662
Black Mountain N.C. 28711
Office 828-669-4918 RAS Miles Jacob Marley
Fax 828-669-0932 RAS Bobby Sullivan

Offender's Signature	Cecil Koser	Date	
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DRC4326 (Rev 03/09)

Distribution Religious Services Administrator, On Base file



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Decision of the Religious Services Administrator

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RELIGIOUS Rastafarian

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Your request states a

- ☒ Religious Issue
☐ Non-Religious Issue

It is the decision of the Religious Services Administrator that the request for Accommodation of Religious Practice should be

- ☐ Approved
☒ Not Approved

Signature 
Gary Sims, Sr.
Religious Services Administrator

Date February 11, 2010

Tracking Process

- ☐ Chaplains reviews request and makes recommendation
- ☐ Request is reviewed by Chaplain, DWSS, and DWO/Designee
- ☐ Accommodation is forwarded to Warden for Warden's response
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C Warden, Chaplain, Inmate's On Base File and Inmate

OP - Religious Services - 5/4/2010

DRC000223

RSA Date Received: <u>2 / 3</u> / 2010		I/M #: <u>384-698</u>
Institution: ACI / BECI / CCI / CMC / CRC / DCI / MEPRC / FPRC / GCI / HCF / LAECI / LECI / LOCI / LORCI / MACI / MANCI / MCI / NCCI / NCCTF / NCI / NEPRC / OCF / ORW / OSP - CAMP / PCI / RCI / RIC / SCI / SOCF / TCI - CAMP / TOCI / WCI		
Religion: Apostolic Pentecostal / Asatru / Arakhutian_Ausarian_Neterian / Black Hebrew / Israelite / Baptist / Buddhist / Catholic / Christian / Christian Identity / Christian Nazarite / Christian Separatist / Church of God / Five Percenters / Hebrew Israelite / Hebrew Nazarite / Jewish / Islamic / Messianic Jew / Muslim / Native American / Orthodox Judaism / Orthodox-Islam / Philadelphia Church of God / Protestant / Rastafarian / Sabbatarian / Satanism / Salvation Army / Santeria / Shi'a Muslim / Wiccan / OTHER		
Request: Hair / Beard / Kosher Meal / Access to religious material / Alter Cloth / Baptism / Blended teas / Cell separation / Congregate services / Diet Card / Dreadlocks / Halal meals / Head Covering / Holy Days / Incense / Medicine bag / Meditation cushion / Oils / Outside Vender / Pendant / Prayer / Prayer Beads / Prayer Rug / Prayer Shawl / Services in Chapel / Vegan Diet / Vegetarian Diet / Tam / Work proscription / Change of Religion Request / NEEDS FORM 4326, 4327, 4442 / OTHER		
Action:	Approved	Disapproved
Comments:	<i>Kosher not an acceptable meal</i>	
NEEDS FORM 4326, 4327, 4442	Decision Date:	/ / 2010

OP - Religious Services - 5/4/2010

DRC000224

FEB 03 2010

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Religious Services DepartmentOffender's Appeal of Decision
Regarding Religious AccommodationTO Religious Services Administrator
770 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43222

Name <i>De'Caril Koger</i>	Number <i>384098</i>
Institution <i>C.O.C.I.</i>	Religious Affiliation <i>Rastafari</i>
	Date of Appeal <i>1-14-10</i>

Your appeal regarding request for religious accommodation is based on **Ital Food**

There has clearly been a lack of knowledge concerning Rastafari food. I have submitted verification of dietary needs of Rastafari to the Mr. Block Chaplain from Rastafari elders Fax, Office and addresses where given to Mr. Block to do more delving into the facts about Rastafari. He still has not contacted them or engaged in any form of verification as to the mandates of adherents to the specific beliefs. A policy for Rastafari in C.O.C.I. has to start somewhere; if the chaplain does not assist us how is there ever going to be requirements for those of the Rastafari religious group. I have supply the paperwork for the practicing Rastafari to ~~Mr. Block~~ Mr. Block he knows and is aware of the special dietary need and has been since I arrived in this inst. The veggie meals do not meet the proper dietary needs of Rastafari they are per se next to regular meals with the same tools, not by a practicing Rastafari and also contains all the same flavor enhancers or seasoning salt as regular meal as well as all veggie supplements in T.O.C.I. contain soy contents. The paperwork the chaplain received from elders of Rastafari clearly states when provisions are not met Rastafari food are more acceptable than meat at all. And it has been made clear to the Chaplain that Rastafari are the offspring of Orthodox Jews state claim to Talsma of Ethiopia the original African Jew of Ethiopia orthodox church which have if not all, most of the same traditions.

With this appeal form, you must include

DRC Form 4326 Request for Religious Accommodation, and
DRC Form 4327 Response to Request for Religious Accommodation

Offender's Signature <i>De'Caril Koger</i>	Date <i>1-14-10</i>
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DRC4442 (03/09)

Distribution Warden, Chaplain, Offender, On Base File

Please send Copies back for Further legal actions Thank You.

OP - Religious Services - 5/4/2010

DRC000225

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Institution Religious Accommodation Review Committee

Response To Request For Religious Accommodation

Offender Name Cecil Koger	Number A-384698
Current Religious Affiliation RASTAFARIAN	RE: DRC4326 Dated, 12/16/2009

Chaplain Recommendation:

NOT RECOMMENDED

THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION HAS NOT SET UP ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE OF THE RASTAFARIAN RELIGIOUS GROUP

Chaplain's Signature <i>Chaplain Frank Vlach</i>	Date 12/20/09
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Accommodation Review Committee Response:

Committee Chairperson's Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 12/31/09
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Warden's Decision: ☐ Approved ☒ Disapproved ☐ Refer to Reg. Religious Services Admin

Comment

SEE above comments

Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 1/4/10
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DRC4327 E (Rev 03/09) Distribution: Warden, Chaplain, Offender, Religious Services Administrator, On Base File

OP - Religious Services - 5/4/2010

DRC000226

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Request For Religious Accommodation

To: Chaplain's Office

From:

Offender Name	RAS. CECIL KOGER	Number	# 384-688
Institution	T.O. C.I.	Date	12-11-89

1 What is the religion to which you belong?

Rastafari the Nyabingi Order!

2 What is the specific accommodation that you are requesting? "Kosher meals"

non beef non pork non soy it contains MSG
monosodium Glutamate as well as other ~~stuff~~ food served
in the kitchen containing season enhancer not natural G21,
G22

3 What is the basis for your requested religious accommodation (How is your request supported by the writings or traditions of your religion)?

The practicing Rastafari
LIVES every day on the basis of his Hamaot-beliefs
There is ten and two of these revolves around what Rastafari
puts into his body. This is called Ital. It is found in the
Kebra Negest, Fatha Negest, the Livate, the Bible and
Nyabingi teachings.

4 Who are the religious leaders who can verify this request (Please give address and phone numbers, if available)?

Rastafarian Universal Order
P.O. Box 662
Black Mountain N.C. 28711
Office 828-669-4918 Ras Miles Jacob Marley
Fax 828-669-0932 Ras Bobby Sullivan

Offender's Signature	Cecil Koger	Date	
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DRC4326 (Rev 03/09)

Distribution Religious Services Administrator, On Base file

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Request For Religious Accommodation

To: Chaplain's Office

From:

Inmate Name	CECIL KOCHEK	Number	384-698
Institution	MANSFIELD CORRECTIONAL INST.	Date	11-15-06

- 1 What is the religion to which you belong? RASTAFARI
- 2 What is the specific accommodation that you are requesting?
THE WEARING OF TAMS AND THE GROWING OF OUR DREADS AND BEARDS
- 3 What is the basis for your requested religious accommodation (How is your request support by the writings or traditions of your religion)? I am writings in the bible and KURANAGAST about OUR DREADS has holding a lot of meaning towards OUR RELIGION
- 4 Who are the religious leaders who can verify this request (Please give address and phone numbers, if available)
EELKA DREAD AT THE MYATING TABERNACLE
414 836-5506.

Inmate's Signature	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	11-15-06
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This form is for approval of religious practices or beliefs not currently approved by the ODRC

DRC4326 (Rev 06/05)

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Institution Religious Accommodation Review Committee
Response To Request For Religious Accommodation

Inmate Name <i>CECIL KOGER</i>	Number <i>A384-698</i>
Current Religious Affiliation <i>RASTAFARIAN</i>	RE DRC4326 Dated <i>11-15-2006</i>

Chaplain Recommendation:

Rastafarians have no formal liturgical rites, sacraments, or ordinances. However, the growing of dreadlocks is considered the sign of commitment to the Rastafarian lifestyle and faith. Therefore, I recommend the temporary ban on hair length for religious purposes be applied to this accommodation request, and that length of hair and beard be determined by and through the office of the Religious Services Administrator for the ODRC. I also recommend that the wearing of tams be commensurate with other faith groups whose religious practice compels one to wear a covering for the head.

Chaplain's Signature <i>Chaplain [Signature]</i>	Date <i>11/15/2006</i>
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Security Response:

Please decline request

Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>12-8-06</i>
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Warden's Decision: ☐ Approved ☒ Disapproved

Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>12/8/06</i>
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Tracking Process

- Security Issue*
- ☒ Chaplain reviews request and makes recommendation
 - ☒ Request is reviewed by Chaplain, DWSS, and DWO/Designee
 - ☒ Accommodation is forwarded to Warden for Warden's response
 - ☒ Warden's decision is forwarded back to inmate, the Religious Services Administrator (RSA) is copied (for the OOP files), and Chaplain's office is copied
 - ☐ Inmate receives decision and may appeal if desired
 - ☐ Warden forwards appeal to OOP for Religious Services Administrator decision
 - ☐ Religious Services Administrator reviews in consultation with Legal, Chief Inspector, STG as needed
 - ☐ The final decision is made by the Religious Services Administrator (copy of final decision is filed), utilizing form DRC4415, "Decision of the Religious Services Administrator on Appeal of Religious Accommodation"
 - ☐ The decision is returned to the Institutional Chaplain, the DWSS, and Warden is copied and inmate is notified by the Chaplain

DRC4327 (Rev 06/06)

OP - Religious Services - 3/12/2007

DRC000229



Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

1050 Freeway Drive North
Columbus, OH 43229

Ted Strickland, Governor

www.drc.state.oh.us

Terry Collins, Director

Decision of the Religious Services Administrator

Request for Accommodation Of Religious Practice

NAME: Cecil Koyber
NUMBER 384-698
INSTITUTION MANCI
RELIGIOUS Rastafarian

You have requested accommodation of the following practice based upon the reason indicated

Request to grow locks, and read mediation of text Galatians for religious reasons
Your request states a

X Religious Issue
Non-Religious Issue

It is the decision of the Religious Services Administrator that the request for Accommodation of Religious Practice should be

Approved
X Not Approved

Reason.

Mr Koyber (384-698) your request to grow dreadlocks has been denied because according to DRC policy dreadlocks possess a security issue

In regards to the reading of mediation materials this material has to be approved by the institution screening committee
In regards the wearing of tams This is not an approved item

Signature [Signature]
Gary Sims, Sr
Religious Services Administrator

Date 1-9-07

Tracking Process

- ☐ Chaplains reviews request and makes recommendation
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C Warden, Chaplain, Case manager, Inmate's File, and Inmate's Master File

OP - Religious Services - 2/13/2007

DRC000230

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Request For Religious Accommodation

To: Chaplain's Office

From:

Inmate Name <i>MR Cecil Koger</i>	Number <i>394698</i>
Institution <i>Man C.I.</i>	Date

- 1 What is the religion to which you belong? *Rastafari*

Received

SEP 13 2006

Regional Director's Office
ODRC

- 2 What is the specific accommodation that you are requesting? *I would like to be able to go into the practice of Rastafari and not just the surface but the spiritual the looking of my hair the reading of meditation and texts. The wearing of our tam's*
- 3 What is the basis for your requested religious accommodation (How is your request support by the writings or traditions of your religion)? *In the bible Numbers 6 the Kebra Negast and many more.*
- 4 Who are the religious leaders who can verify this request (Please give address and phone numbers, if available) *An Elder by the name of Eeka Dkora He can be contacted at 419-536-5506*

Inmate's Signature <i>Cecil Koger</i>	Date <i>8-23-06</i>
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DRC4326 (Rev 06/06)

Rev. Gary Sims

I'm writing this letter along with the accommodation form to assist you in understanding exactly what it is.

I am asking of you. Specifically, the Tams and hair would accommodate with each other and the policy here in Mansfield. Our hair can be kept neat never covering the ears and can be subjected to searches at any time.

The Tams would also ~~keep~~ ^{KEEP} the hair presentable. cover our hair in the dining area and never over our ears. The locks on our head are an essential

part of Ras Tafari. I must keep my locks as an offering to be ~~given~~ given to the most high on judgement day without my locks. I have no offering and without that I am not look upon as who I am. It states this in the bible in Numbers 6. The law of the Nazirites.

These can be accommodated easy because they take care of one another and the policy here in Mansfield. The Tam cover our hair to keep it in the proper lines with the appearance of general population.

and my hair it self can be pulled back ~~over~~ ^{kept} behind my ears at all time and ~~kept~~ ^{kept} presentable.

The religious ~~locks~~ ^{locks} along with the Tams are being held until word from you. My family is ~~waiting~~ ^{waiting} to see me on this path so they are waiting to know.

If I will receive any of the locks they can be sent. Thanks for your time (I will keep)

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MAY 07 2018

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Request To Change Religious Affiliation
Religious Services

To: Chaplain's Office

From: CECIL KODER

Inmate Name: CECIL KODER	Number: 384-698
Institution: LAS. C. I.	Date: 4-11-18

Present Religious Affiliation: Nyahbingi
The Religious Affiliation To Which You Desire To Change To: Islam
Reason For Requesting This Change: RAMADAN: I HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING FOR THE LAST SIXTEEN YEARS

Inmate's Signature: [Signature]	Date: 4-11-18
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Chaplain ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Chaplain's Signature: [Signature]	Date: 04/13/18
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DRC 4353 E (Rev. 07/12)

EXHIBIT

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DEFENDANTS' EXHIBIT B (Page 3 of 3)

Defendants' Trial Ex. 14-17

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Request For Religious Accommodation

To: Chaplain's Office

From: CECIL KOGAR

Offender Name: CECIL KOGAR	Number: 384-698
Institution: R.I.C.I.	Date: 4-26-18

1. What is the religion to which you belong?

Nyabingihi RASTAFARI

2. What is the specific accommodation that you are requesting?

FOR RASTAFARI Mandates to be recognized and accommodated
 growing of natural locks IAAI DIET (ORGANIC, Food vegetarian.
 (WEARING OF DREADS) NO SOY) OBSERVANCE / Reading material /
 TAMS / KUFUS (RELIGIOUS HEAD WEAR) Fasts days / Holidays

3. What is the basis for your requested religious accommodation (How is your request supported by the writings or traditions of your religion)?

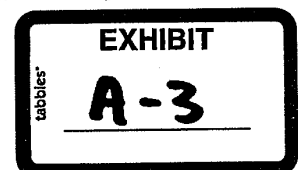
THE Kebra Nagast, FETHA NAGAST
 THE bible "Number 6 Law of NAZARITE" RASTAFARI Tenants
 and mandates "RASTAFARI living" written by Ras Ambessa Elbank

4. Who are the religious leaders who can verify this request (Please give address and phone numbers, if available)?

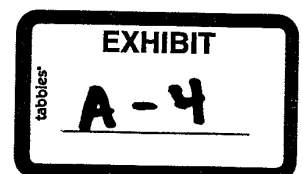
Ras Iadannis - Lion of Judah Society
 Ras Christopher Lion Tree - Rastafari Universal Order
 Sister Imani Nyah, The Association of Rastafarian Theologians

Offender's Signature: <i>Cecil Kogar</i> 384698	Date: 4-26-18
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I am writing your office to inform you of the current mis-information that is supposedly stemming from central office. This incorrectness is surrounding Rastafari, not being accommodated on hair as well as any other religious mandates to. The place I have been Rastafari even before I entered Ohio's system in 1998. I have been force out and accommodated while being held in the O.D.R.C., how is it possible that I am still being threatened by the same policy I have been exempted from? In 2008 Mr. Timothy Johnson filed a civil complaint which led to the granting of length and growth Mr. Johnson was Rastafari, how do you explain a directive from your office to T.C.I. to cut all Rastafari hair and Rastafari are not exempt ~~to~~ religiously? How do you clarify a merit-less security concern that is cited as the reason why Rastafis are to be desecrated? I have been transported from Mansfield-Toledo-Allen-Trumbull, Justifiably how I am today, with Natural locks, my Nati has been uncut untrimmed unshaven throughout each...



... TRANSFER. I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY BEEN THROUGH all security protocol, plenty of times including VISITATIONS MY HAIR HAS BEEN SEARCHED AND CLEARED BY CORRECTION OFFICER AT FOUR INSTITUTIONS OF C.D.R.C. THESE ISSUES ARE NOT THE IGNITION BEHIND THESE RESURFACING SECURITY CONCERNS ONLY WHEN THERE IS A LARGE AMOUNTS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES THAT START LETTING THEIR NATI GROW ITS NATURAL COURSE. IS WHEN LOCKS BECOME AN ISSUE. THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE BREAKING THE STANDARD OF EUROPEAN BEAUTY AND GRASPING THE IDEAL OF AN MORE NATURAL COMFORTABLE ORIGINAL STATE OF APPEARANCE HAS TO BE CONFORMED RESTRAINT AND SHAVEN BECAUSE OF THERE BELIEFS. WHY IS THERE NO POLICY CONCERNING RASTAFARI IN T.C.I.? WHY ARE THE RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION FORMS NEVER RESPONDED TO? WHILE RASTAFARI IS INCLUDED AS ONE THE FAITH GROUPS IN T.C.I. WHY DOES A RASTA LIKE MY SELF NOT ABLE TO OBSERVE OR FAST, I HAVE TO FAST WITH THE MUSLIMS..

... during Ramadan and observe in church on Sundays with the Christians, if I need assistance from T.C.I. as to my fasting and observance I have to get it with other religious observances not Rastafari.

This is clearly discriminatory in nature and it is caused by T.C.I. staff, enforced by T.C.I. correctional officers.

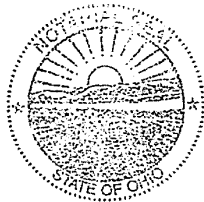
While you have individuals expressing the need for this acknowledgement of particular faith within T.C.I. the administration as well as chaplain services ignores them, these actions draw the line and establishes T.C.I. as a Rasta free institution it is also obvious that Rasta don't belong because Rastafari do not shave, cut or trim, comb and brush. A change has to start somewhere if all remedies are exhausted in T.C.I. without response or reason what is Rasta's suppose to do, we do not shave cut or trim! Do the O.D.R.C. know what its pushing for individuals like myself to do? Its not accept the things you can not change, its change the things you...

.. CAN NOT ACCEPT, IF THIS CANNOT BE CHANGED
WITH THE PROPER STEPS PROVIDED BY ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION OR FEDERAL, UNITED STATES, STATUTES ESTABLISH
FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTION, HOW DO YOU
THINK IT SHALL BE CHANGED? BY THE SAME FORCE
THREATENED BY T. E. I ADMINISTRATION? SOMETHING
OTHER HAS TO BE DONE! AND WHY HAS THERE BEEN
NO OTHER CORRESPONDANCE AS TO THESE ISSUES, AS IF
RASTAFARI IS SUPPOSABLY TO JUST LIE DOWN AND BE
SEPARATED FROM HIS PRECEPTS. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
PLEASE REVIEW ALL THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED CONCERNING
RASTAFARI... AS WELL AS LEGAL CITATIONS.

PLEASE COPY AND SEND
ORIGINAL BACK WITH RESPONSE

Thank You For Reading
Ms Hep Ardenya
MR. Cecil Koger

on this day 24TH, in the month
of August, year 2016. I Cecil KOGER
appeared before MR. MARK S. BURSON, a
NOTARY OF Trumbull county Ohio and
swore to be the creator and
producer of this document without
being forced, threatened, or promised
a reward to do so and provided
proper identification proving he is
who he say he is?



Notary

Mark S. Burson
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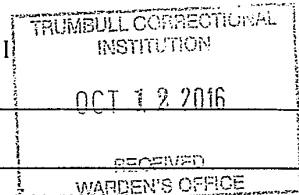
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Notice of Disciplinary Appeal

Institution: TCI	RIB Case Number: TCI-16-004161
Inmate Name: KOGER, CECIL	Number: A384698

Warden:

I appeal the Rule Infraction Board's decision rendered on 10-6-16 that found that I violated the following rule(s) 21



In my opinion the decision of the Rules Infraction Board was incorrect for the following reasons:
(Be brief and specific in stating the basis for your appeal)

- ☐ I did not waive my right to have 24 hours pass between the time I received a copy of the Conduct Report and my appearance before the RIB. I appeared before the RIB _____ hours after receiving the conduct report.
- ☐ I did not waive the presence of the charging official at the RIB hearing. The charging official did not appear.
- ☐ The RIB denied my request for a relevant witness.

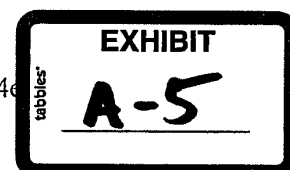
☒ No evidence was introduced at the hearing to support the RIB's decision.

☒ Other (Be Brief and Specific): O.D.R.C. Grooming Reg. (not A.R. 5120 9-25)
states That if the individual holds sincere religious
belief he shall be exempted from the grooming policy
I HAVE BEEN EXEMPTED SINCE 2008 BECAUSE I AM RASTAFARI
AS RECENTLY AS 2013 IN ALLEN CORR. INST. I WAS WRITTEN
UP FOR THE SAME 21 RULE VIOLATION AND FOUND NOT GUILTY
IN R.I.B. My accommodation stated until hair is deemed
A SECURITY RISK, it shall be left as is. My hair is still
not deemed A SECURITY RISK, NO ONE HAS ACCUSED ME
OF HAVING ANYTHING IN IT, NO ONE HAS ASKED TO SEARCH IT!
Just BECAUSE T.C.I. do not HAVE A policy on RASTAFARI
do not mean RASTAFARI do not exist. This placement and
Threat of cutting is a violation of Federal Statute: R.L.U.I.P.A

Inmate Name: <u>Cecil Koger</u>	Number: <u>384698</u>	Date: <u>10-6-16</u>
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